

# CHAPTER [ 4 ]



## Current Operations

Throughout 2006, The Marine Corps continued to demonstrate the versatility and flexibility of Marine Corps Operating Forces in leading the fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Whether continuing to support Operation Iraqi Freedom with a Marine-Air Ground Task Force of over 23,000 Marines or Operation Enduring Freedom with air and ground forces, to providing advisor training teams in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Marine Corps continued to demonstrate the relevance of the MAGTF in a dynamic world.

During the past year, Marines have continued to demonstrate their versatility and flexibility across the spectrum of the GWOT. U.S. Marines continue to lead Multi-National-Force-West and are responsible for training the Iraqi force, providing stability and security, and conducting counter-insurgency operations (COIN) in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. The I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) of 23,000 Marines replaced II MEF during the spring and has significantly enhanced coalition force capabilities by shifting the MEF's primary focus from Coalition centric counter-border security operations to partnership operations with the Iraqi Security Forces.

CY 06 Marine Corps operations other than organic Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments are listed below:

## CENTCOM

### ENDURING OPERATIONS, CONTINGENCIES

- > CJTF-HOA. USMC provided CJTF-HOA staff members (to include the Commander until 1 Oct 06), a Provisional Security Company, a Marine Coordination Element (MCE), and a 4 x CH-53E helicopter detachment throughout the CY.
- > OEF-A (Afghanistan). USMC provided an infantry battalion (2/3 and then 1/3) until May 06. This unit formed the nucleus of TF KOA and operated in the vic of Jalalabad, AF. USMC also provided 3 x Afghan National Army (ANA) Embedded Training Teams (16 pax each) to train and mentor the Afghan Army. This number rose to 6 teams in Dec 06. USMC also providing staff member to Combined Forces Command, Afghanistan.
- > As part of the normal rotation of forces, 2 x FAST (Fleet Anti-terrorism and Security Team) platoons were deployed in Bahrain.
- > Marine Electronic Attack Squadron (VMAQ) support of CFACC (Combined Force Air Component Commander) operations ISO OIF throughout the CY.
- > Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief (HA/DR) from III MEF in the vic of Shnkiari, Pakistan.

### EXERCISES / THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION (TSC)

- > Exercise Easter Maverick / Eagle Resolve. 11th MEU(SOC) bi-lateral training with the armed forces of Qatar during April 2006.
- > Exercise Nautical Union. 11th MEU (SOC) bi-lateral training with the armed forces of Saudi Arabia during June 2006.
- > Exercise Image Nautilus. 22nd MEU(SOC) bi-lateral training with the Djiboutian armed forces during March 2006.

- > Exercise Edged Mallet. 11th MEU(SOC) East African training exercise conducted during June 2006.
- > Exercise Nectar Bend. Foreign Military Training Unit (FMTU) from MARSOC conducting security force training with Ethiopian military forces during May 2006.
- > Exercise Infinite Moonlight. 24th MEU(SOC) bi-lateral training with the armed forces of Jordan during May 2006.
- > Exercise Internal Look. 24th MEU(SOC) Command Post Exercise (CPX) training with the government of Qatar during May 2006 in support of the upcoming Doha Asian Games.
- > Exercise Inspired Union. 24th MEU(SOC) bi-lateral training with the armed forces of Pakistan conducted during Sep 2006.
- > MARSOC FMTU training of Kenyan special police forces from Aug – Oct 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- > MARSOC FMTU training of Yemen special forces from Aug – Sep 06 in Sana'a, Yemen.

## **SOUTHCOM**

### **ENDURING OPERATIONS, CONTINGENCIES**

- > 4 x FAST platoons in support of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

### **EXERCISES / TSC**

- > Water survival Mobile Training Team (MTT) supporting the Colombian Marine Corps from Jan – Mar 06.
- > Dutch bi-lateral training 1-06 conducted with Dutch forces in Aruba during Jan 06.
- > Exercise New Horizons. Feb – May 06 support of Civil Affairs projects in Honduras and the Dominican Republic.
- > Brazilian Marine Corps (BRMC) Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) maintenance Subject Matter Expert (SME) training conducted for the Brazilian Marine Corps in Rio, Brazil during May 06.
- > Colombian Marine Corps (COLMAR) MTT conducted during Apr 06 to enhance the marksmanship skills of Colombian Marines.
- > Military Operations in Urban Terrain SME MTT conducted for the Argentinean Marine Corps (IMARA) during April 06.



- > Fuerzas Aliadas Humanitarias. US-SOUTHCOM CPX conducted in April 06 for the purposes of responding to simulated HA/RD contingencies.
- > COLMAR MTT conducted during Jun 06 in Buenaventura, Colombia to support Colombian Marines, specifically, riverine operations.
- > Exercise Caribbean Lion 06. Bi-lateral training with the Dutch military on Aruba conducted in May 06.
- > COLMAR Water Survival MTT conducted Jul 06.
- > Exercise Unitas Pacific 06. Theater Security training conducted in Valparaíso, Chile with Chilean armed forces during Jul 06.
- > Ecuador Counter Narco-Training Team (CNTT) conducted in Guayaquil, Ecuador during Aug 06.
- > COLMAR Bulk Fuel SME MTT conducted in Tumaco, Colombia during Aug 06 in order to teach Colombian Marines the proper techniques for bulk fuel operations.
- > MARSOC FMTU training for Colombian special forces in Tolemaida, Colombia from Aug – Oct 06.
- > Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) MTT conducted in Rio, Brazil during Aug-Sep 06 for BRMC.

- > Exercise New Horizons. Jul - Sep 06 support of Civil Affairs projects in Chiclayo, Peru.

## PACOM

### ENDURING OPERATIONS, CONTINGENCIES

- > OEF-P (Philippines). USMC provided a 20 pax security team in support of JSOTF-P throughout the CY. Commencing in Aug 06, 3RD RADBN provided a 23 pax detachment conducting their institutional mission in support of JSOTF-P. Both are enduring requirements.
- > 2 x FAST platoons deployed as part of their normal rotation to Yokosuka, Japan.
- > 31st MEU conducted HA/DR missions in the Philippines during Feb 06 in response to a large mudslide.
- > 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) conducted HA/DR missions in Yoyakarta, Indonesia during May 06.
- > 1 x FAST platoon was deployed to Dili, East Timor to bolster the American Embassy security during Mar 06.

### EXERCISES / TSC

- > Exercise Balikatan 06. Bi-lateral training conducted with the armed forces of the Philippines during Mar 06 by the 31ST MEU.

- > Exercise Keen Edge 06. MCACS-4 participation in the Combined (USAF, USN, Japan Self-Defense Force) exercise held aboard Yokota Air Base, Japan.
- > Exercise Foal Eagle 06. 31ST MEU participation in PACOM directed TSC exercise in Mar 06.
- > Korean Integrated Training Program. III MEF participation in bi-lateral training with South Korean armed force personnel.
- > Exercise Cobra Gold 06. 31ST MEU participation in the combined exercise conducted in Thailand.
- > Exercise Rimpac 06. 2/1 participation in this afloat exercise conducted in Jul 06 aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard.
- > Exercise Khan Quest. III MEF participation in MCMAP training conducted in Mongolia.
- > Exercise UFL. III MEF participation in PACOM orchestrated exercise during Aug 06.
- > Phiblex 06-02. 31ST MEU bi-lateral training with the armed forces of the Philippines.
- > Exercise Talon Vision. Oct 06 bi-lateral training exercise conducted with the armed forces of the Philippines.

- > Mongolian Enlisted Leadership Exchange 06-04. Conducted in Aug 06, this bi-lateral exchange occurred in Darhan, Mongolia.

## EUCOM

### ENDURING OPERATIONS, CONTINGENCIES

- o Joint Guardian, Pristina, Kosovo was supported with personnel throughout the CY.
- o International Military Advisor Training Team, Sierra Leone support was supported with personnel throughout the CY.
- o Joint Forge, Sarajevo, Bosnia was supported with personnel throughout the CY.
- o 2 x FAST platoons were provided to Naval Station, Rota as part of their normal rotation.
- o 24TH MEU(SOC) support of JTF-Lebanon during Aug 06. MEU conducted NEOs and provided security.

### EXERCISES / TSC

- > Sustainment and Stabilization Operations were conducted in Tbilisi, Georgia in support of Georgian armed forces deploying to OIF.
- > Exercise Brilliant Arrow 06. NATO Air Defense exercise conducted in Apr 06.
- > Exercise Tartan Eagle 06. Bi-lateral training with UK Royal Marines conducted in Scotland, UK

- > MARSOC FMTU deployment to Moscow for language immersion course during Apr 06.
- > Exercise African Lion 06. Bi-lateral training with the armed forces of Morocco conducted in May 06.
- > Exercise Burmese Chase / Neptune Warrior 06-02. Bi-lateral training with UK Royal Marines conducted in Jun 06 in Scotland, UK.
- > Bi-lateral training deployment of 6TH ESB to London, England in June 06.
- > African Contingency Operations and Training Assessment (ACOTA). Providing training to peace keeping forces throughout Africa prior to their deployments.
  - Sikasso, Mali Jul 06
  - Jaji, Nigeria Nov 06
- > MARSOC FMTU conducted in Aug 06 to N'Djamena, Chad to instruct the special forces of Chad.
- > Exercise MEDFLAG 06. Sep 06 Medical capabilities exercise conducted in Senegal.
- > Exercise Brilliant Midas 06. Conducted in Sep 06, this Maritime Pre-position Shipping CPX was conducted in Toulon, France.

## NORTHCOM

### ENDURING OPERATIONS, CONTINGENCIES

- > JTF-N
  - MWSS-373, Tucson, AZ.. Border road repair
  - MAG-39, Camp Pendleton, CA, Counter-narco trafficking sorties
  - MWSS-371, Naco, AZ. Border road repair.
  - HMMH-772, Key West, FL. Counter-narco trafficking sorties.
  - MWSS-371, Yuma, AZ, Border road repair.
  - HMMH-769, Naval Station North Island, CA, Counter-narco trafficking sorties.
- > Operation Alaskan Roads. 6TH ESB conducting road repair vic Metlakatka, AK Aug 06.
- > UN General Assembly EOD support, Oct 06.
- > Senator's Wash, CA road repair.

### EXERCISES / TSC

- > Exercise Northern Edge 06. Air defense exercise conducted in Jun 06.
- > Exercise Canada Thunder. Bi-lateral training exercise conducted with the armed forces of Canada.
- > CBRNE exercise. St. Louis, MO first responder CPX utilizing USMC CBIRF units.

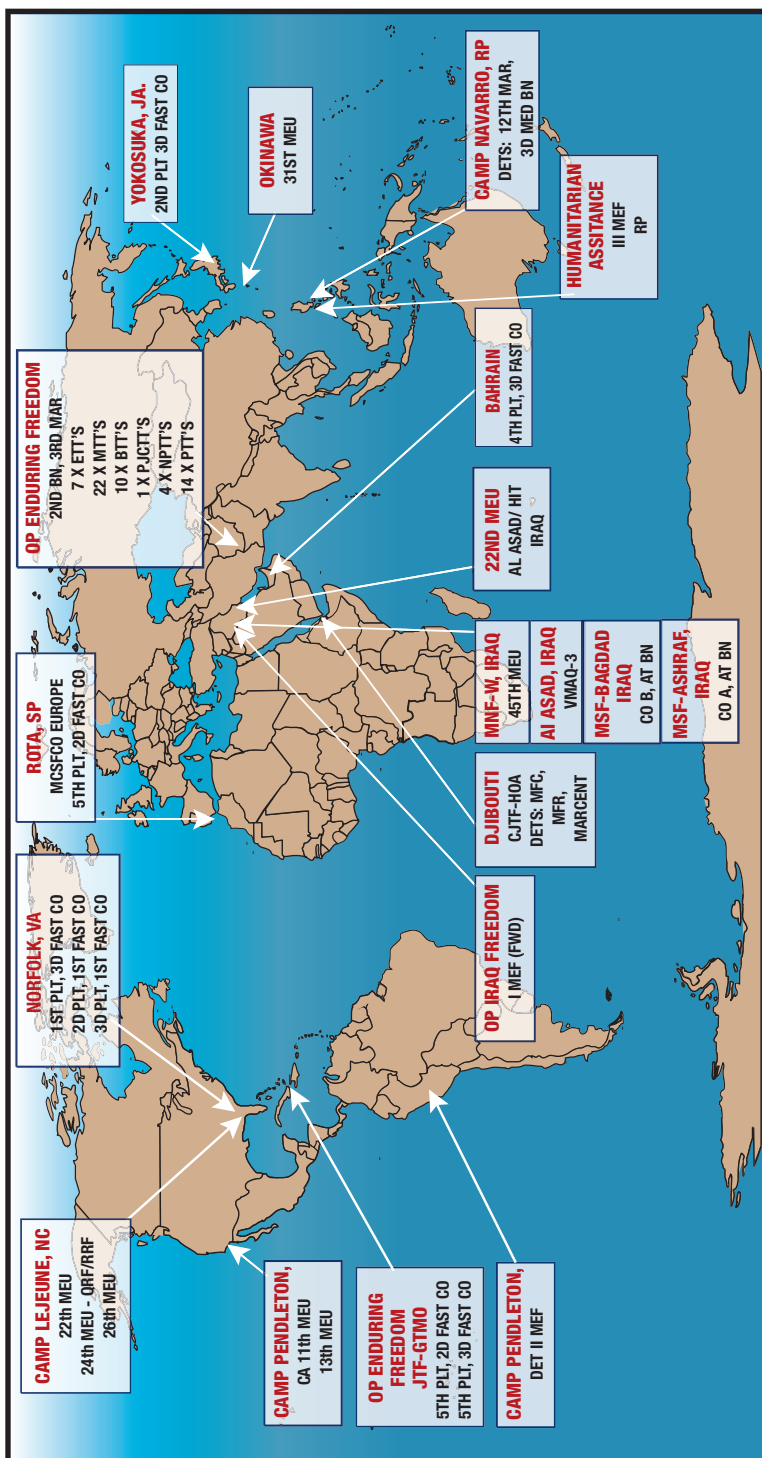
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## US NAVY Support Missions

- > TACAIR Integration. VMFA-251 attached to CVW-1 from May to Oct 06.
- > Refuel-De-fuel mission support with 1 x FAST platoon
  - Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Jun-Aug 06

# Selected Marine Corps Deployments 2007

Figure 4-1



# Early 2007 Marine Corps Deployments

Figure 4-2

